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## MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

DISCUSSED BY A GATHERING OF CITIZENS AT MR. DISBROW'S HOME.

**Assessment of Properties and Collection of Personal Taxes Talked Over. The Water Question and the Public School Question Explained—Steps Taken Towards a Permanent Organization.**

Municipal affairs was the theme of discussion at a meeting of citizens of this town held at the home of H. G. Disbrow, Belleville avenue, on Tuesday evening. Erroneous reports had been published and circulated to the effect that the meeting was to be an anti-annexation affair. Mr. Disbrow, in welcoming his guests, expressed much regret that such a report had been spread about. He regarded annexation as a dead issue, and a matter that should be dropped, and public attention and effort concentrated in bringing about a condition of affairs which would give general satisfaction to the taxpayers of the town. Major W. W. Rowland presided over the meeting, assisted by Kenneth G. Duffield as secretary. About thirty-five people were present.

Councilman-at-Large George Fisher was called upon by the chairman to give his views on the prevailing condition and the prospects for a betterment of conditions.

Mr. Fisher said that he had not come to the meeting with a view to making a speech, but had come to learn the sentiments of the people with respect to public matters. One thing was certain, he said, and that was that an effort would be made to reduce the present high tax rate.

The discussion then turned on the matter of the assessment of property, and from the remarks made it was evident that a general impression prevails that there is much talk of equalization of property for purposes of taxation. Thomas R. Rawson of the Board of Assessors said that the valuations ought to be increased in many instances, and would be increased this year if the other members of the Board of Assessors would support him in making the increase.

Those present were invited by the assessors to visit the office of the board and investigate the assessment and point out the inequalities, and also give the assessors the benefit of their opinions and suggestions as to the fair and proper valuations of property in the several parts of the town.

Harry White of the Second Ward related the finding on his part in a partial investigation made by him of the tax duplicate. Mr. White said that he was convinced by his examination of the duplicate that the owners of small houses paid their fair share of taxation possibly on a basis of eighty per cent. of their true value. Medium pieces of property were assessed between sixty and seventy per cent. of valuations, and the high-priced properties between thirty and forty per cent.

The new tax law was the theme of discussion, and a motion was adopted to the effect that the Town Council use all lawful means in its power in assisting the tax collector in enforcing the collection of personal taxes and poll tax.

Councilman-elect Charles J. Murray, at the request of the chairman, gave expression to his views on the subject of conducting municipal government. Mr. Murray laid stress on the necessity of close personal attention on the part of members of the Council to the scrutiny of all public expenditures. All bills submitted to the Council, in Mr. Murray's opinion, should be carefully itemized. In the matter of purchasing supplies of various kinds, Mr. Murray contended that the town, as a cash buyer, was entitled to the most advantageous terms, and it was the duty of the Councilmen to see to it that such terms were secured. In the administration of public affairs, Mr. Murray expressed himself as opposed to the practice of accepting sub-committee recommendations without question. Mr. Murray's views appeared to meet with general acceptance and approval.

Dr. W. F. Harrison, Chairman of the Water Committee of the Council, by request made a statement setting forth the present situation of that important matter. Dr. Harrison replied to questions relating to the possibility of securing a supply of water in the event of the town becoming the owner of the water plant. He said that it was practically certain that the town would not have to use Passaic river water.

Dr. W. R. Broughton of the Board of Education spoke for the public schools. He replied to numerous queries concerning the administration of the schools.

Superintendent of Schools W. E. Chancellor was also present and took part in the discussion. He took occasion to deny some of the absurd stories afloat about the expenses attached to certain branches of the school work, especially the cooking class.

The saloon license question was incidentally mentioned.

## Track Walker Shot.

Paquale Vassallo, a track walker on the Bloomfield branch of the Lackawanna, and who for several years has been making daily trips along the railroad between Roseville and Montclair stations, was shot in the back three times Sunday night by Giovanni Del Mora, a fellow-countryman. Vassallo is now in St. Michael's Hospital, Newark, and his condition is serious. The shooting affair took place in the Silver Lake district of Belleville.

The Italians had been taking part in preliminary festivities of the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist. Bands of music paraded the streets of the colony all day and the place was thronged with visitors from near-by towns. Street brawls and disorders of different kinds were frequent, and at the request of Postmaster Malran Constables Gorbam and Gilman were detailed on duty there. But even with the assistance of Justice of the Peace Campbell they found the crowd too hard to handle. Later Justice La Faucherie and Constable Cassidy were sent for.

The shooting occurred in Franklin street, near St. Anthony's Church, about 8.30 Sunday night. Vassallo and Del Mora, with several friends, met there and quarrelled. Del Mora, it is alleged, then struck Vassallo in the face. Vassallo hit back with a stick and then ran away. Del Mora ran after him and, drawing a revolver, shot him in the back, so witnesses say.

The injured man was taken to the office of Justice Campbell, while the policemen made a fruitless search for the assailant. He was last seen, according to some of the bystanders, running across lots toward Soho.

## A Deliberate Suicide.

Peter Hutton, aged fifty-six years, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor Tuesday morning at his home in Cross street, West Orange. While chopping wood a few days ago he cut one of his fingers with an axe and blood poisoning was feared. Coupled with the fear of blood poisoning, it is believed that the intense pain of the injured hand made him demented. When members of the family went to his room they found that he had bled considerably and was dying. That he had proceeded deliberately in his purpose to end his life was evidenced by the fact that he had gnashed his throat so that every artery was severed. He closed the razor and placed it on the table beside his bed. Peter Hutton was a former resident of this town and was well known in Watessing, where he first resided when he landed in this country from England. He worked in the hat factories here for several years.

## Truth About Trusts.

In the Nutley Town Hall on Thursday evening, May 5, John Z. White of Chicago, a widely known and very popular lecturer, will speak upon the subject of "Truth About the Trusts." At the close of his address ample opportunity will be given for questions and discussion. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Nutley Single Tax Club. The speaker and subject should attract those who are not too old to learn and those who think there is room for improvement in our present industrial conditions, taxation methods or sociological adjustments. Admission free. Mr. White is touring the East, delivering about 100 lectures in the interests of tax reform, and is open for appointments to lecture before churches, labor unions, literary clubs, or other organizations.

## Accident to T. O. Maxfield.

Thomas Oakes Maxfield, a well-known athlete, brother of Theodore T. Maxfield, the horseman, is confined to his home in Franklin street with injuries received last Saturday. He was enjoying a horseback ride when the animal shied at some object in Liberty street and then stumbled, and Maxfield was thrown headlong from its back. His foot caught in the stirrup and the horse started on a mad run, dragging Maxfield along for two blocks before he could extricate himself from his position. He was picked up unconscious and taken to the office of Dr. Charles H. Bailey, near by, where it was found that his right leg was broken, and he was bruised from head to foot. He was taken home in a cab.

## Woodmen's Smoker.

There was a large attendance at the first smoker and reception of Bloomfield Lodge, No. 19,262, Order of Modern Woodmen, in Central Hall Wednesday night, prepared by Frederick E. Jordan, chairman of the entertainment committee, and his assistants. Venerable Counsel David Walker made an address of welcome and then the Columbia Quartet, composed of Wm. Durning, Robert Finnerty, Frank Spaulding and E. Smith, rendered several songs. John Hanley sang and there was clog dancing by John Spaulding and E. Finnerty. Lee Olphin and John Liebrock also sang. Vice-Counsel Benson of North End Lodge of Newark and State Deputy Albert Schurr made interesting addresses.

## THE WAR IN THE EAST.

An interesting discourse by the Rev. Dr. Arthur Brown in the Glen Ridge Congregational Church on Sunday Evening—The Positions of Russia, Japan and Korea in the War—The Possible Effects Upon Gospel Evangelical Work.

The Rev. Arthur Brown, D. D., Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, delivered an interesting discourse on the Russo-Japanese war Sunday night in the Glen Ridge Congregational Church. In his official capacity of missionary secretary Dr. Brown personally visited the scenes of the present conflict two years ago. By reason of his official position he is also familiar with the political situation in the Far East, particularly the maneuvering of Russian diplomacy. Through his familiarity with the territory in which the war is now progressing and his knowledge of the ultimate designs of the powers involved in it, Dr. Brown was in a position to place his subject before his hearers in a clear, concise and instructive manner. The topic was: "Korea Between the Millstones, Japan and Russia." The aim of his discourse was to show the possible effects of the war upon the spread of the Gospel civilization in Korea and China.

Dr. Brown gave a description of Russia's present situation with respect to an ocean outlet and reviewed the various schemes of Russian diplomats to secure such an outlet. In this part of his address he imparted some interesting information that has not yet appeared in the newspapers and other periodicals. Russia having been thwarted by other European powers in gaining a direct outlet to the sea by way of the Mediterranean, the Baltic Sea and the Persian Gulf, finally determined to gain her ends on the Pacific coast. Dr. Brown, like Dr. MacArthur, declared that the Pacific was to be the future scene of the world's great activities, politically and commercially. Russia's absolutely despotic policy in commerce, politics and religion was set forth and several illustrative incidents quoted.

After a graphic review of Russia's position in the conflict in the East, Dr. Brown reviewed the subject from the Japanese standpoint. He rapidly sketched the marvellous development of Japan in the past half century.

Alluding to the "yellow peril," about which some of the civilized countries of Europe were so much concerned, Dr. Brown showed that the Japanese and the Chinese had an equal right and as just cause to dread the "white peril." Japan, Dr. Brown said, was termed a heathen nation, and he drew a comparison between conditions under the respective governments of Russia and Japan, which showed the latter to be the superior nation in industrial development and enterprise and in educational work. Japan has more public schools than Russia and contributes more money annually to the support of schools. Japan's position in the war was to protect herself and China and Korea from eventually coming under the dominion of the Slav.

Korea, Dr. Brown showed, was the bone of contention between the two warring nations, and he drew a pathetic picture of the situation of the unhappy Koreans. In describing Korea and the Koreans Dr. Brown spoke from the missionary standpoint. It was evident that he felt that the cause of the Gospel would be more advantageously promoted by the success of Japan in the present war than by that of Russia. If Russia gained Korea the door will be closed there to evangelical missionary work. Dr. Brown related several instances of his personal contact with the people of Korea and of their readiness to accept the Gospel. Before concluding he made a vigorous reply to some unfavorable criticisms that had appeared in some newspapers about the missionaries in Korea.

## W. C. T. U.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold its next meeting in their hall on Washington street on Tuesday afternoon, May 3, at 8 o'clock. At the last meeting Mrs. Schofield gave an excellent address on the "Sabbath," which was listened to by an attentive audience. All friends are cordially invited to come to our meetings.

## Hargreaves' Big Railroad Shows.

Hargreaves' Big Railroad Shows will pitch their tents in this town. The Big Shows will arrive here on Monday, May 9; requiring two trains to transport the shows. An exhibition organized under business principles, intelligently conducted, honestly advertised and enterprisingly produced, unequalled in all that is grand and magnificent. The world's contributions assembled and exhibited under scores of sun and waterproof canvas. Representatives from the jungles, plains and forests, the most varied menagerie ever assembled; contributed from the four quarters of the world. Animals whose education has been perfected beyond the aid of the most sanguine and of the most continuous carnival of exploits by the dream of the profession.

## COUNCILMEN CONFERENCE.

The Organization of the Council and the Appointment of Officials Practically Agreed Upon.—But Few Changes Made in the Official List.—Dr. W. F. Harrison Remains at the Head of the Water Committee and Herbert C. Farrand Continues as Chairman of the Fire Committee.

The members of the Town Council-elect held a conference in the Council room Wednesday night, and agreed upon the plan of organization that will be carried out at the official meeting to-night. The appointments to official positions practically agreed upon at the conference were Town Attorney, Charles H. Halfpenny; Town Physician, Dr. J. S. Wolfe; Overseer of the Poor, Adam Lind; Chief of Police, L. M. Collins; Police Court Recorder, George W. Cadmus; Chief of Fire Department, James Y. Nicoll; Commissioner of Appeals, Richard T. Cadmus; Members of the Board of Health, James J. Thompson and William A. Ritscher, Jr.

Mr. Nichol succeeds Bernard F. Higgins as Chief of the Fire Department; George W. Cadmus succeeds George M. Cadmus as Police Court Recorder; R. T. Cadmus succeeds M. N. Higgins as Commissioner of Appeals; Messrs. Thompson and Ritscher succeed Messrs. T. Howell Johnson and J. F. Capen as Members of the Board of Health.

Chairman Fisher submitted his list of sub-committees. Councilman W. F. Harrison is retained as Chairman of the Water Committee, and Councilman Farrand as Chairman of the Fire Committee. Councilman Chabot will be Chairman of the Police Committee.

The next important steps to be taken by the new Council will be the appropriations and the salary ordinance.

Like all previous Councils, the Council of 1904-05 will fall heir to some unfinished business of its predecessor. Two important matters of unfinished business are the water supply question and the question of municipal ownership of the fire houses.

The first of these matters is at present held up by litigation. If the way is cleared of legal entanglements the Council, of course, will proceed to carry out the will of the people as expressed at the polls on January 19th. If that election is set aside as illegal, the present Council will be confronted with the alternative of calling a new election or making a contract.

The fire house project will not be so easily disposed of as the water question. There was a lack of unanimity in the previous Council as to the best course to pursue, and the minority was never satisfied with the plan adopted by the majority, and it would not be at all surprising to see the fire house question re-opened.

## Death of William R. Hall.

William R. Hall, aged 83 years, died suddenly on Thursday at his home, No. 27 Oakland avenue. Mr. Hall was for thirty years a Justice of the Peace in this town, and he was widely known throughout the county. He is survived by four children, one son and three daughters, the former Spencer H. Hall of Montgomery street. The daughters are Mrs. Frank Moore, and Hattie and Eliza Hall.

William R. Hall was the son of Eliphail Hall, who came to Bloomfield from Basking Ridge, and learned the leather tanning trade here, and was associated with Major Simon Baldwin in operating a tannery along the branch of Second river, just south of Franklin street. Race street has since been extended through the old tannery site. The elder Mr. Hall built and lived in the house on Race street now occupied by Wm. A. Francis. He was a Justice of the Peace in town, and was known as "Squire Hall." His children were John, Richard, William and George Hall, and Mrs. Albert Matthews and Mrs. David M. Smith, the latter the only surviving member of the family.

After the death of Eliphail Hall the office of Squire was conferred upon his son-in-law, Albert Matthews, the hat manufacturer. Wm. R. Hall was born in the Race street house, and when he grew up learned the carpenter's trade, and some of the older houses here were erected by him and Joseph N. Oakes and Edwards.

Mr. Hall married Miss Harrington, a niece of John M. Dodd, who was one of the largest land-holders in this county and whose descendants still own the large tract of land south of Watessing avenue, known as the Dodd property. Mr. Hall was a Republican in politics and was one of the early members of that party. He was a member of Westminister Presbyterian Church. The funeral services will take place this afternoon from his late residence.

**Cranberry Lake Opens May 30.** Secret societies, pleasure clubs and organizations of all kinds contemplating summer should investigate.

Lake before contracting elsewhere. For particulars, agents, or address, call on passenger agent, New York Adams division passenger, Newark, N. J.—Advt.

## Academic Class Exercises.

The prima orations of the class of '04, Academic Department of the German Theological Seminary, were held in the Park Avenue German Presbyterian Church on Wednesday night, and despite the inclement weather they were well attended. In front of the pulpit were potted plants. On the platform were members of the faculty of the Seminary and Rev. R. J. Buttinghausen, pastor of the church, who made the opening prayer. After a baritone solo, "I'm a Pilgrim," by Henry Schaefer, the first oration was delivered by Charles F. Aue, whose subject was, "Is the World Getting Better or Worse?" Stillman R. Lees spoke on "The Significance of the Ideal," and Henry Braem of Giarus, Switzerland, on "The Depravity and the Divinity of Humanity."

The orations were interspersed with a violin solo by Henry Knighton, who was accompanied by Miss Eleanor Barrows; tenor solo, "I Alone Can Tell," Conrad Scheer, and a violin duet, "Nooturne Elegiac," by Miss Reba W. Barrows and Henry Knighton.

Rev. Otto Dietrich delivered an address. The three graduates will enter the Theological Department in the fall. The annual commencement of the Seminary will be held the latter part of next month or the first week in June. There will be only two graduates this year—John E. Straub and William Mager.

## Collier-Broughton.

A brilliant event in local society circles Thursday night was the marriage of Miss Fanny Gray Broughton, only daughter of Mrs. John G. Broughton, of 15 Church street, to John Francis Collier of Rutherford.

The ceremony took place in the First Presbyterian Church at 8 o'clock, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The Rev. George L. Curtis officiated. The church decorations were potted plants and palms. Miss Mabel Morris was maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Miss Clara Jones and Mrs. E. N. Taylor of Newton Centre, Mass. Miss Kathryn Dodd was flower girl and Master John A. Dodd acted as page. George Raymond Collier, a brother of the bridegroom, of Rutherford, was best man. The bride was attired in white silk and carried lilacs of the valley. The bridesmaids wore Brussels net over green and carried white lilacs, while the maid of honor was attired in a like manner. The page and flower girl were dressed in white and carried bunches of marguerites. The ushers were Dr. Arthur N. Broughton of Boston, Mass., Elbert Haskins, Winant Van Winkle, Charles Van Winkle, Walter A. Kipp of Rutherford and Charles McCutcheon of Orange. An informal reception followed at the bride's home, after which Mr. and Mrs. Collier left on an extended Southern trip. They will reside at Rutherford.

## Pastor Called.

At a meeting of the congregation of the First Baptist Church Tuesday night it was decided by a unanimous vote to extend a call to the Rev. F. W. Bule to the pastorate of that church. The pulpit of the Baptist Church has been vacant since Oct. 1, 1903, when the Rev. Charles A. Cook resigned to accept the position of Superintendent of the Christian Stewardship Department of the National Baptist Society. The Rev. Mr. Bule, who has been called to succeed the Rev. Mr. Cook, is a young man, thirty years of age, and was born in Kansas City, Mo., and graduated from a Missouri college. He will be graduated in June from the Baptist Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Mass. In addition to the Bloomfield call he has received calls from two other churches. He preached here on Sunday, April 17, with great satisfaction to the congregation, and steps were immediately taken to secure his services as pastor.

## Murphy-Larmie.

Miss Jennie E. Larmie of Essex, N. Y., and James B. Murphy of this town were married Thursday, April 21, at the home of the bridegroom's cousin, Charles Martin, 274 Main street, Orange, by the Rev. David O. Irving, pastor of the Bethel Presbyterian Church. Miss Rose McGowan of New York was bridesmaid, while Frank A. Camus of this town was best man. The bride was gowned in white crepe-de-chine and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The bridesmaids were attired in white organdie and carried white roses. A reception followed the ceremony, after which the couple departed on a wedding trip. They will reside here on their return.

## Baldwin-Roydhouse.

Miss Estelle Roydhouse of Caldwell and Mr. Louis Baldwin of this town were married Wednesday night at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roydhouse, Central avenue, Caldwell. Rev. James W. McDougal of the Baptist Church, performed the ceremony, which was witnessed by members of the family and intimate friends. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin will reside here.

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## BASE-BALL.

SEASON WILL BE OPENED TO-DAY ON ARLINGTON AVENUE GROUNDS.

When the Watessing Club Will Play the Suburban A. C. of Newark—Map Schedule of the Watessings—Other Base-Ball News.

The base-ball season will open this afternoon on the Arlington avenue grounds, when the Watessing Club will play the Suburban Athletic Club of Newark. The game will be called at 3.45 o'clock. The same rate of charges as last year will prevail: Grand stand, 15 cents; benches, 10 cents, and a voluntary collection among the crowds outside of the stand and benches. John D. Ferguson will umpire the game.

The Watessing batting order will be as follows: Frank L. Ferguson, short stop; Otto Hambacher, left-field; Arthur Dalley, first base; Wm. Durning, pitcher; Albert Ellor, second base; R. Burdette, catcher; Charles Coyle, centre-field; Craig Dalley, right-field; G. O'Neil, third base.

The Watessing Club's schedule of games for the month of May is as follows: Saturday, May 7, Forest Hill Field Club at Forest Hill; May 14, Orange A. C. at Orange Oval; May 21, O. N. T. of Newark at Watessing; May 28, Montclair A. C. at Watessing; May 30, Morroco A. C. of New York at Watessing.

The club also has games booked with South Norwalk, Conn.; the Xavier A. C. of New York, the Ronkonkoma B. B. C., and the Star A. C. of Newark. Negotiations are in progress for games with the Irvington and Englewood clubs.

The Watessing Base-Ball Club has secured the well-known and popular Morroco Athletic Club of New York city for the Memorial Day game on the Arlington avenue grounds.

Lawrence Hesterfer for the Newark Eastern League team, received a great ovation when he appeared on the diamond in Weidenmier's Park Sunday to play in the game between the Newark team and the Boston-American League team. Hesterfer pitched a good game, and held the champions down to four runs.

The Bloomfield High School nine went to New Brunswick on Saturday and beat the High School of that place by the score of 30 to 0 in an uninteresting game. The Bloomfield pitchers struck out 17 men. The score by innings:

B. H. H. Bloomfield H. S. 0 3 5 5 4 0 0 0 0 0 17 1  
N. Brunswick H. S. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
Batteries—Dillon, Tydemans and Stone; Barrie and Beet.

A closely contested game of base-ball was played Monday afternoon between the Willow Street Athletic Club and the Ella Street Field Club. The Willow Streeters won by a score of 11 to 9. The batteries were: Stonaker and O'Brien, Willow A. C.; Ellor and Betts, Ella F. C.

## The Passion Play at Oberammergau.

An illustrated lecture on the Passion Play at Oberammergau will be delivered in Christ Church parish house on Wednesday evening, May 4, at 8.15 o'clock, by Dr. Byron DeF. Shedy of New York city. Dr. Shedy is admitted to be the best lecturer on the subject named, in the country. He has witnessed several representations of the play at Oberammergau, and his illustrations of it are true to life. At certain points in the lecture, "The Palm," "There is a Green Hill," and "The Holy City" will be sung. Admission fifty cents. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the new rectory. Tickets for sale at Wood's and Kaylor's drug stores.

## Bloomfield Mission.

To place the work of the Bloomfield Mission and Sunday-school on a firm financial basis, the management has adopted the system of envelope contributions. In order that a large number may have an active share in this work, and by their interest and prayers sustain the enterprise, it has been decided to ask for contributions of twenty-five cents per month. The sole purpose of this work is "to seek and to save that which was lost." Friends of the enterprise are kindly urged to help in this work for the Master by agreeing to contribute as stated. Contributions may be sent to Mrs. E. Sammis, No. 179 Ashland avenue, or Mrs. J. V. Smith, No. 114 Thomas street.

## The Carl Concert.

Wm. C. Carl, who will give an organ concert in the Park M. E. Church on May 12, has just returned from Ohio, where he gave a very successful concert, netting the church \$500. All lovers of master work at the organ should arrange to attend the concert announced.

## Free Lecture.

The Rev. Charles DeW. Brower will give a free stereoscopic lecture on Egypt and the Holy Land in the Broughton Memorial Chapel on Thursday evening, May 5, at 8 o'clock. A large attendance of friends of the school, as well as the scholars and their parents, is desired.

Mrs. Gustavson, recently of New York city solicits dressmaking. Children's work a specialty. 111 Harrison street, Bloomfield, N. J.—Advt.